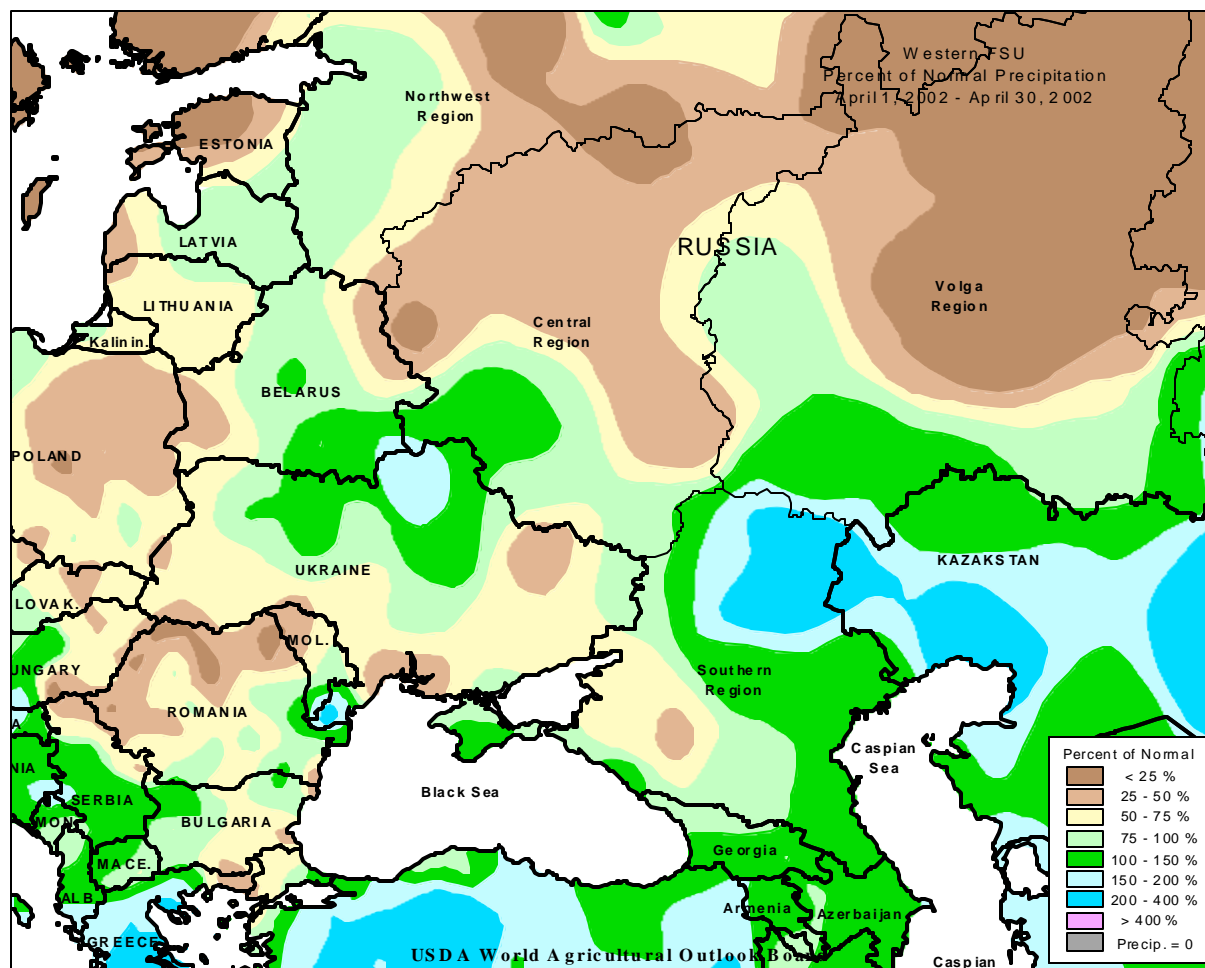


# FORMER SOVIET UNION (WESTERN)

## Percent of Normal Precipitation (April 2002)



## WEATHER AND CROP HIGHLIGHTS

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- o In April, near- to below-normal precipitation was observed in most of Ukraine and Russia, allowing rapid spring grain and early summer crop planting.
- o Temperatures in April averaged near- to above-normal in most areas, promoting winter grain growth and increasing soil temperatures.
- o In early May, weather conditions continued to favor rapid planting progress in Ukraine and Russia. Reports from these countries indicated that spring grain planting was progressing ahead of the normal pace.